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SUBJ: WASHINGTON VISIT OF EC COMMISSION VICE

PRESIDENT CARLO SCARASCIA-MUGNOZZA (JUNE 5-7)

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2170

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON APRIL 24, UBALDO ZITO OF THE EC COMMISSION'S ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICE PROVIDED US WITH DETAILS ON THE UPCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SCARASCIA-MUGNOZZA. SCARASCIA WILL BE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 FROM OTTAWA. THAT EVENING THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A DINNER IN HIS HONOR WITH THE AMBASSADORS FROM THE

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MEMBER STATES.

2. ZITO SAID SCARASCIA WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CHRISTIAN HERTER, JR. OF STATE; RUSSELL TRAIN, DIRECTOR OF THE EPA; AND RUSSELL PETERSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE CEQ ON JUNE 6. HE THOUGHT SCARASCIA MIGHT SEE HERTER IN THE MORNING AND TRAIN AND PETERSON IN THE AFTERNOON, BUT NOTED THAT THE SCHEDULING WOULD BE UP TO US.

3. ZITO THOUGHT THE MORNING OF JUNE 7 COULD BE DEVOTED TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS INCLUDING A MEETING WITH VIRGINIA KNAUER, THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS. ZITO SAID SCARASCIA HAD ALSO EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE, BUT THAT DEPENDED ON SCHEDULE POSSIBILITIES. (AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SUBCOMMITTEE VISITED BRUSSELS LAST MONTH WITH CODEL FRASER. ALSO, SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROSENTHAL HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN CONSUMER AFFAIRS. SCARASCIA HOPES TO TERMINATE MEETINGS ON THE 7TH BY 4 P.M.

4. ZITO SAID SCARASCIA WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY MICHEL CARPENTIER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICE; ARMANDO TOLDEDAO, SCARASCIA'S DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET; ZITO; AND JENS OTTO KRAG, THE HEAD OF THE COMMISSION DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. SCARASCIA WILL ALSO HAVE AN INTERPRETER WITH HIM.

5. ZITO SAID THAT THE MEETING WITH TRAIN, PETERSON, AND MRS. KNAUER WOULD BE MAINLY EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS, OBJECTIVES, ETC. THE MEETING WITH HERTER WOULD FOCUS ON US-EC COOPERATION, AND ZITO HOPED THAT SCARASCIA WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION WHICH WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP BY AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. SCARASCIA AND CARPENTIER ARE WORKING WITHIN THE COMMISSION TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH MORE FORMAL US-EC ENVIRONMENT COOPERATION AT THE

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WASHINGTON MEETING. ZITO WILL KEEP US INFORMED OF PROGRESS AND PROVIDE US WITH COMMISSION PROPOSED DRAFTS ON US-EC COOPERATION. MYERSON

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